



May 13, 2019

Robert B. Cordle, Chair
T. Jeff Carmon III, Member
David C. Black, Member

Dr. Stella E. Anderson, Secretary
Ken Raymond, Member

Dear Chairman Cordle, Secretary Anderson, and Members:

This letter gives notice of my resignation as general counsel, effective close of business on May 31st. No member sought my departure.

Choices shape democracy, and yours have outsized effect in our State. This agency serves voters best when it chooses accountability over complacency, people over partisanship, and the future over our past. These serious times require nothing less, as you confront real and growing threats to elections security, public trust, and the democratic process.

It has been an honor to serve our State, and a joy to do so alongside skilled civil servants and the many advocates, lawmakers, prosecutors, and journalists with whom our agency shares a common purpose in furthering transparent and accountable government.

Sincerely,

Josh Lawson
General Counsel

Cc: *Former Chairs*
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